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Nickelodeon Debuts Original Animated Series, Bunsen is a Beast, from Veteran Creator Butch Hartman on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. (ET/PT)

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BURBANK, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- A beast and a human form an unlikely friendship in Nickelodeon's newest animated series *Bunsen is a Beast*, debuting **Tuesday**, **Feb. 21**, **at 5:30p.m. (ET/PT)**. Created and executive produced by Butch Hartman (*The Fairly OddParents*), the 20-episode series follows the adventures of Bunsen, the first beast to attend a human grade school, and his best friend Mikey. The series will air at 5:30 p.m. (ET/PT) through Friday, Feb. 24, and continue with premieres in its regular timeslot of Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. (ET/PT) on Nickelodeon. *Bunsen is a Beast* is produced by Nickelodeon in Burbank, which officially opened the doors to its newly expanded building -- an over 200,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art, sustainable complex on January 11.

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Bunsen and Mikey in Nickelodeon's Bunsen is a Beast. (Photo: Business Wire)

Bunsen is a Beast tells the story of Bunsen and Mikey, two new friends who embark on endless fun and adventures in their town of Muckledunk. As the first beast ever to attend a middle school for human kids, Bunsen feels the pressure to succeed and prove to the world that monsters can live among humans...and they won't eat everyone for lunch. With help from Mikey, Bunsen will learn how to accomplish human world tasks, like, doing homework, eating ice cream, and riding the bus. In turn, Mikey will learn to navigate the Beast World and meet all the weird and wonderful beasts that reside there.

In the series premiere, "Bearly Acceptable Behavior," Amanda tries to get Bunsen kicked out of school when he brings a dangerous bear to class. Next during, "Beast Busters," Bunsen and Mikey have to save Amanda from mischievous Sneeze Beasts that escape from Bunsen's nose.

The *Bunsen is a Beast* voice cast includes: Jeremy Rowley (*iCarly*) as Bunsen, the first beast ever to attend a middle school for human kids; Ben Giroux (*Henry Danger*) as

Mikey, a sweet and quirky kid and Bunsen's best friend; Cristina Milizia (*Monster High*) as Darcy, Bunsen and Mikey's homeschooled friend; Kari Wahlgren (*The Fairly OddParents*) as Amanda Killman, the rigid and rule bound beast hater; comedy legend Cheri Oteri (*Saturday Night Live*) as Miss Flap, Mikey and Bunsen's eccentric teacher; Jeff Bennett (*Jake and the Neverland Pirates*) as Bunsen's Dad; and Jennifer Hale (*The Powerpuff Girls*) as Bunsen's Mom. Additionally, Wahlgren and Rowley also voice Mikey's Mom and Dad.

Visit Nick.com, Facebook, Instagram and the Nick App to learn more about Bunsen is a Beast. A sneak peek will air on Monday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. (ET/PT) on Nickelodeon, and a full-length episode is currently available on Nick.com, Nick On Demand, and the Nick App, available for download on iOS, Apple TV, Roku, Android, and Android TV.

Hartman began his animation career as an assistant animator on An American Tail. He created his own shorts for What a

Cartoon!, and also wrote and directed episodes of *Dexter's Laboratory*, *Cow & Chicken* and *Johnny Bravo. Bunsen is a Beast* marks Hartman's fourth animated series for Nickelodeon. Hartman joined Nickelodeon in 1998 where he created and produced several cartoon shorts for the *Oh Yeah! Cartoons* series, including *The Fairly OddParents*. Commemorating the 10th anniversary of the animated series, Hartman brought the series to life in the 2010 live-action/CG animated hit TV movie, *A Fairly OddMovie: Grow Up, Timmy Turner!* The series came to life once again in the original TV movie, *A Fairly Odd Christmas* in 2012 and *A Fairly OddSummer* in 2014. Hartman is also the creator of Nickelodeon's animated series *Danny Phantom* and *T.U.F.F. Puppy*.

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